

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An apparatus for the fixing of the position of bone cuts for the insertion of knee implants, comprising at least one cutting jig which is adapted to be coupled to a base element fixed to the bone in the region of a condyle and is adapted to be fixed to the base element, wherein the cutting jig includes a first slot for a cutting tool defining a first cutting plane with respect to the base element and a second slot for a cutting tool defining a second cutting plane, both of said first slot and said second slot configured to receive a cutting tool while said cutting jig remains coupled to said base element, wherein at the cutting jig the orientation of the second cutting plane is rotatably adjustable relative to the first cutting plane while the cutting jig remains coupled to the base element and while taking the respective knee anatomy into account.

Claim 2 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the first cutting plane and the second cutting plane extend perpendicular to one another.

Claim 3 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the orientation of the second cutting plane is adjustable with the cutting jig movable relative to the base element, with the cutting jig being movable only parallel to the first cutting plane and only in a straight line.

Claim 4 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the cutting jig is compulsorily guided at the base element by a guide groove formed at the base element.

Claim 5 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the cutting jig has at least one guide for an abutment element which, in at least one of the cutting planes, forms an abutment for the cutting tool restricting the respective cut.

Claim 6 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 5, wherein the guide can be made such that the abutment element lies on a line of intersection of the two cutting planes.

Claim 7 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 5, wherein the guide for the abutment element is compulsorily coupled to the slot defining the second cutting plane.

Claim 8 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 5, wherein the guide includes a passage formed in the cutting jig through which the abutment element can be inserted.

Claim 9 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 5, wherein the abutment element is provided in the form of an abutment pin which can be introduced into the bone before the carrying out of the bone cuts.

Claim 10 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein an adjustable probe device is provided to take the knee anatomy into account and is adapted to be compulsorily coupled to the slot of the cutting jig defining the second cutting plane, with it being possible to set a plurality of pre-determined implant sizes by adjusting a probe relative to a base part coupled to that slot.

Claim 11 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the slot defining the first cutting plane is formed by an intermediate space present between the upper side of the base element and a side of the cutting jig facing the base element when the cutting jig is coupled to the base element.

Claim 12 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the cutting jig includes a turntable arrangement with a turntable which is rotatably supported at the cutting jig and with which a guide section is rotatably fixedly connected in which the slot defining the second cutting plane is formed, wherein rotation of the turntable results in corresponding rotation of the guide section.

Claim 13 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 12, wherein a further guide section is rotatably fixedly connected to the turntable and is formed as a guide for the abutment element.

Claim 14 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the cutting jig furthermore has a clamping device with an actuating member by means of which the cutting jig is adapted to be fixed relative to the base element and simultaneously the orientation of the second cutting plane is adapted to be fixed relative to the first cutting plane.

Claim 15 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the cutting jig includes a U-shaped base part which is adapted to be pushed onto the base element and having U-limbs extending parallel to the first cutting plane, a clamping lever pivotably supported at the base part about an axis extending parallel to the first cutting plane and perpendicular to the U limbs of the base part and a clamping spindle extending parallel to the U limbs of the base part and cooperating with the clamping lever via a thread, wherein a turntable arrangement rotatably supported at the upper U limb of the base part about an axis extending perpendicular to the first cutting plane and having the slot defining the second cutting plane capable of being fixed by a rotational actuation of the clamping spindle and simultaneously the clamping lever being pivotable relative to the base part into clamping engagement with the base element.

Claim 16 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 15, wherein a free end region of the clamping spindle is made for the fixing of the turntable arrangement and is adapted to be brought into clamping engagement with an outer rim region of the turntable arrangement by the rotational actuation of the clamping spindle.

Claim 17 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 15, wherein the clamping lever includes an actuation arm and a clamping arm, with the clamping spindle cooperating with the actuating arm and the clamping arm being pivotable, for the clamping tight of the base element located between the two U limbs of the base part by rotational actuation of the clamping spindle via the actuating arm into a region between the two U limbs and toward the base element.

Claim 18 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 15, wherein cooperating threaded sections of the clamping spindle and of the clamping lever are held free of clearance by a spring clamped between a contact section fixed with respect to the spindle and the actuation arm of the clamping lever.

Claim 19 (previously presented): An apparatus in accordance with claim 15, wherein an intermediate space between the two U limbs of the base part is matched to the height of the base element and is designed for a base element with a height of approximately 12 mm.